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that since the committee hearing last year a great deal has changed in the railroad industry and it's made it necessary to revise much of the wording of the bill. Senator Pederson has been very open to do that. The committee did it and then since the committee reported the bill, Senator Pederson has been working on this bill and revised it and I want to thank him for all the work that he's done on that. The intent and general principle of the original bill remains in the Pederson...in the committee amendment and in the Pederson amendment that follows. And to avoid federal preemption, we've added and deleted some different parts of the bill with the Pederson amendment. When we get to the amendment, I'll speak to it from the railroad's perspective. I'll give what they gave to us, and then I also will let you know some of the research that we, as a committee, have done. With that, that's my opening on the committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Pederson, I now have amendments, Senator, but I have a note you want to withdraw AM2304 and AM2305.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That's correct.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Pederson would move to amend the committee amendments with AM2650. (Legislative Journal page 588.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Pederson, you're recognized to open on those...on that amendment.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, AM2650 is an amendment to the committee amendment and becomes the bill. I appreciate your allowing us to make these procedural moves, but due to the amount of misinformation that perhaps you have been given since I introduced LB 185, I thought it would be helpful to have the exact language in front of you. It's always easier for me, at least, to work from one copy rather than going back and forth between green copy and various amendments. So that's why we present it in this form.